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"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."—JOHN XIV. 6.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

Unitarian preachers in Liverpool Cathedral have roused the horror and indignation of Lord Hugh Cecil, from whose remarks one would infer that in his point of view sacrilege has been committed which would almost require the building to be re-consecrated. He has threatened to take action in some indefinite way to have the Church as a whole condemn the presence of Unitarian preachers in the Cathedral. The Bishop and Dean of Liverpool we are assured are quite capable of looking after themselves, and have a ready defence if need be. At non-liturgical services in the evening Dr. L. P. Jacks had given a series of three addresses at the invitation of the Bishop of Liverpool. Under the circumstances it would be difficult to consider this a breach of "church order." What apparently does seem an irregularity from that standpoint is the preaching of the Assize sermon by the Rev. Lawrence Redfern, M.A., B.D., not because he was a Unitarian Minister, but that he was a non-licensed preacher in the diocese, the eleven o'clock service being a statutory service.

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The Dean, who has control of the pulpit, was under the impression that an Assize Service would be considered as a special service, and hence the invitation to the Rev. L. Redfern to preach on that occasion. It would have been equally an error under the statute of the Cathedral, if at that service, a minister of any Non-Conformist denomination had preached, simply because he was not a licensed preacher of that diocese. The Bishop himself was not consulted at the time, and says that had he known he would not have approved or consented.

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That doesn't satisfy Lord Hugh Cecil, who might save himself some amount of chagrin if he ascertained first what was the correct name of the denomination to which Dr. Jacks and the Rev. L. Redfern belong. Granted the name "Unitarian" (which originally meant Muhammadan, and was so used by John Wesley), the term when first adopted by Lindsay, Priestley, and others was meant to include, and did include, Sabellians, Arians and Socinians As at present understood, a "Sabellian" accepts the doctrine of the Trinity, interpreting "person" as "manifestation." Many Unitarians are in agreement with the statement in the Athanasian Creed: "One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh but by taking of the Manhood into God."

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With reference to this, however, we can imagine a bishop saying: "Many of that ilk now disclaim the name, and many more are not far from Anglicans in spirit and even in truth, but not in expressed truth." Times are changing. About forty years ago a member of one of our congregations received from his cousin, who was an eminent bishop, the reproof: "Unitarianism is derogatory to our Lord." Christodelphians say that of the Trinity.

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OUR COUNTRY CHURCHES.

BY H. J. F. ORR.

Lists of Ministers—Supplementary.

Antrim

G. V. Crook	1913-——

Ballycarry

M. G. Marsden	1898-——

Ballyclare

P. Godding	1912-1920
A. M. Bell	1921-——

Ballymoney

F. Holt	1913-——

Banbridge

A. B. Hamilton	1891-1905
E. Lockett	1906-1912
J. G. Davies	1913-1919
P. Godding	1920-——

Cairncastle

F. Thomas	1880-1907
E. Thompson	1908-1930
T. Munn	1930-——

LISTS CONTINUED

Clough

Present Church opened 9th July, 1837.

MINISTERS

Thomas Maxwell	1687-1705
Hugh Ramsay	1707-1720
Hugh Williamson	1722-1748
John Williamson	1752-1766
Robert Porter	1773-1815
Wm. Campbell	1813-1829
David Watson, M.A.	1829-1867
Wm. Napier	1867-1911
Supplies	1912-1913
J. D. Davies	1913-1929
J. Shaw Brown	1930-1933

Comber.

Formed 1838.

MINISTERS

Wm. H. Doherty	1838-1850
John Orr	1850-1879
Thomas Dunkerley, B.A.	1880-1915
K. Dunbar	1915-1919
J. G. Davies	1919-——

Crumlin.

Congregation at Glenavy 1672. 1st Church at Crumlin 1715. Present Church 1837.

MINISTERS

Mathew Halbridge	1673-1676
David Airth	——-1694
John Riddel	1701-1723
Thomas Crawford	1724-1782
John Gibson	1783-1796
Nathe. Alexander	1799-1837
George Hill	1837-1850
Francis McCammon	1851-1857
John Jennings, B.A.	1857-1863
Robert Cleland, B.A.	1863-1886
Geo. W. Lewin	1887-1889
Jas. Hall	1890-1903
W. A. Weatherall	1904-1908
J. E. Bowen	1908-1929
G. Price Jones	1929-——

Downpatrick

MINISTERS

Archibald Young	1673-1688
John Hutchinson	1690-1697
Thomas Jackson	1700-1708
Thomas Nevin, M.A.	1711-1744
Wm. Nevin	1746-1780
Wm. Nevin, M.D.	1785-1789
James Neilson, D.D.	1792-1838
Samuel Craig Nelson, M.A.	1835-1891
David Gordon	1871-1893
Michael S. Dunbar, M.A.	1894-1916
R. Philipson	1916-1923
J. Begg	1923-1926
V. A. Callow	1926-1929
J. McNeil	1931-——

Dromore

MINISTERS.

Henry Hunter	1660-1673
Wm. Legatt	1676-1694
Alex. Colville	1696-1719
Alex. Colville, M.A., M.D.	1725-1777
Robert Black, D.D.	1777-1784
Thomas Cuming	1784-1795
James Bankhead	1796-1824
Samuel C. Nelson, M.A.	1825-1835
Robert C.B. Maclellan	1835-1838
Wm. Beck Miniss	1839-1853
Samuel Ferguson	1854-1871
Robert Miller	1871-1878
David Thompson	1879-——
A. Davison	1900-——

Dunmurry.

1st Church 1714. Present Church built 1779.

MINISTERS

Alex. Glass	1686-1689
John Malcome, M.A.	1699-1729
John Moorhead	1729-1769
James Stouppe, M.A.	1727-1780
Robert Jackson	1782-1788
Wm. Taggart, M.A.	1790-1805
Andrew G. Malcome, D.D.	1807-1809
Henry Montgomery, LL.D.	1809-1865
Thomas H. M. Scott, M.A.	1866-1895
John A. Kelly	1896-——

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA.

By John McCleery, M.A.

Bustle! Noise!! Bang!!! Crash—as a piece of luggage fell from the trolley. Excited people, some glad to be back home: others, strangers in a strange land: none of them were sure of what they were going to do next, and yet all of them wanted to do something. That was the New York landing-stage on the evening of Wednesday, 6th September.

Making my way towards a luggage-rail, I was met by a man who asked me if I was the Irish student en route for Meadville. It was Rev. Manning, assistant-minisier at Dr. Lathrop's church in Brooklyn. He had been sent to meet me and it was all settled that he should take care of me whilst I was in New York, a room was set apart for me for as long as I wished to stay at the Church House in Brooklyn and everything was fixed. Often since that wonderful welcome at New York, I've questioned whether such hospitality is meted out to the stranger who comes to Ireland. Ireland . . "the most hospitable country in the world" . . . Let us look to our title.

The next item on the programme was the customs-barriers. I set out to find an official, and was allotted a very hefty old Irishman. Of course I got his family history, there was a "Mc" in his name too, he was "all agin" the Government in the Oul' Country, it wasn't the same as when he left there thirty-six years ago, in the reign of Queen Victoria, and there we stood talking of days that are gone, while the whole population of New York rushed on. We shook hands several times, vowed eternal friendship, then with just a hint of a tear in his eye, he went over to the luggage. "I don't suppose you've got anything important in here." "No. Nothing much," I said; there is a wee bit of Irish Linen, two or three ounces of Irish tobacco and one or two other things, but nothing much." My friend replied to that with "Oh! you needn't have told me, however that's all right, don't say a word now, but get out o' here, and Good Luck to you." So to pass the customs is easy, the luggage was never even looked at. I hadn't joined in the hurry and bustling, and yet despite the long talk with the man from County Carlow, I think I was first out though the gate.

Then it was night-time and I saw the lights of New York. Mr. Manning and I sped through the streets in a taxi, we crossed Broadway at a terrific speed, and all on the wrong side, I was expecting a crash every minute, then I remembered . . . . of course, Americans keep to the right. We crossed over Brooklyn Bridge and soon were deposited outside the Church of the Saviour. I was shown to my room in the Church-house, a room to be mine for as long as I cared to occupy it, then I was taken to the church . . . and what a sight! It was the basement of the building, in one corner a Bridge game was in progress, over to the left four people were playing Pool on an excellent Billiard Table, on the other side of the room a Ping-Pong game was going on; two people were reading at a table covered with newspapers and periodicals, and more people were scattered over the room talking in little groups about their recent summer-holidays; but the most wonderful thing was the excellent kitchen just off from which was issuing a very delightful sweet savour, and a big table was set in there for supper, and what a supper it was . . . three courses in all. . . and what an atmosphere, what a feeling of friendship and good-will prevailed in that church. Incidentally the church had not entered upon its full-time work: Dr. Lathrop was still on holiday. The Americans *can* teach us many things.

Next day I walked over Brooklyn Bridge and went on to climb the Empire State Building. The day being fair and visibility being moderate, from the top of the Empire State I was able to see over all New York. Here was a tremendous building, almost a quarter of a mile high, some 266 feet higher than the Eiffel Tower in Paris; it is difficult to believe that it contains sixty-three acres of floor space, and that enough steel was used in its construction to load a train eleven miles long. . . altogether it is a wonderful achievement. On the top is an Observatory, there is a luncheon-room and all kinds of equipment for the entertainment of the tourist. An Airship passing over the city whilst I was up there, seemed to be dangerously near . . . . and a man crossing 5th Avenue down below seemed tremendously distant. So I saw New York, poverty on the East, opulence towards the centre and West; an Island city and because of that rather more vertical than horizontal. It all reminded me very much of a disturbed ant-hill, hurry and excitment were concentrated in a small space, even the great ships, the Olympic, Leviathan and Bremen were nothing more than twigs lying near to this home of ants. During the next few days I was able to make a closer inspection of this great ant-hill, and visited Wall Street and several other places of world-renown.

Sunday saw me attending a united service. The Unitarian church in Brooklyn unites with five other churches in the neighbourhood during July, August and September, and services are held in one of those so united churches every Sunday in turn. In the union were Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians and all sorts of Protestants; and as many as possible attend at the particular church where the service is held and the minister of that particular church takes the services on that day. So not only is broad-mindedness subconsciously cultivated but the ministers get quite respectable vacations. They only preach twice in their own churches in the summer time and that leaves them ten weeks holiday at least.

That same afternoon I had the pleasure and the honour of being introduced at the Player's Club, New York. I dined there as the guest of Mr. Malcolm Duncan, who is one of New York's finest actors; it was he who created the part of Oliver Jordan in the play "Dinner at Eight" which was running in London when I left. Mr. Duncan, whom I had met through the kindness of Mr. Manning, introduced me to some of the leading play-wrights and actors in America. I was sorry to miss Mr. Whitford Kane, of whom Larne may be justly proud; he had just gone out a few minutes before I arrived. A waffle supper at the house of some friends followed, and so ended my first Sunday in the New World.

(To be continued)

THE ORPHAN SOCIETY.

The collectors are respectfully requested to begin their work as soon as possible and to send in their completed collections to the local Treasurer *before the 21st March.*

Alfred Turner,
Assistant Secretary.

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We will now sing "Yin, Yin, Yin." This is not Chinese, but the announcement of hymn No. 111, in an Ards Gospel Hall.

REVIEWS.

MARSDEN.

First New Zealand Christmases,—First Published 1933. Wilkie, Ltd., Dunedin.

The preface states that the landing of Marsden on Christmas Day, 1814, and the preaching of the first sermon on New Zealand soil, will stand out with the same relative importance as does the landing of Augustine on the Isle of Thanet twelve centuries and more before. His grand-daughter sent the following message from Sydney, N.S.W.: "Marsden's influence is still felt, I am sure, for he indeed brought 'good tidings of great joy' to New Zealand." A Maori chief, Ruetara, presided. "Marsden stood up and for the first time there sounded in New Zealand a new song—the noble strains of the Old Hundredth." A beautiful tall cross bears the inscription: "On Christmas Day, 1914, the First Christian Service in N Z. was held on this spot by the Rev. Samuel Marsden." Romantic stories are told of discoverers, Tasman in 1642, and Cook 1769.—ULLIN.

Loan-Ends—Stories in Ulster, by Florence Davidson. Illustrated by Alfred E. Kerr, from original Linocuts. The Quota Press, Belfast. Price 5/-.

Miss Davison is the author of "The Little Roads" and other poems, and her family is well-known in the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church. Here is a book about Ulster, produced in Ulster, beautifully bound, and with woodcuts of high merit; a suitable gift, and one which would be of especial interest to friends far away, with its engravings of mountains and lochs, bridges and villages, love stories and tragedies and homely problems, such as "The Old Age Pensioner," "£." "The Islander," "The Mountainy Man," "The Sisters," to choose from a dozen. "It's a quare thing now," said Hugh Robert M'Ateer, when his pipe was got fairly going, "the stiff they are here about them Old Age Pensions," and thus begins the talk of the men who foregather at the Loan-ends, near Allen's pub; and there's a poignant tragedy behind the story of the poor helping the poor —"Dug myself out of a decent grave enough to put the poor old woman into one." "Well, that itself, they'd say in Clunties." Here's from "The Sister." Sarah the young tells Sarah the old, her mother, "I was born a woman, for to live clean, and to do right, and thole pain, and to take the use of all God put in me." "*Blethers.*" Comforts had been

sacrificed to give the one boy his schooling and his colleging. . . . "I want my chance, mother. Johnny's got his and he's failed us." "I wish to my heaven he was dead." . . . . "Away you go," says the mother. "Out of this house. Pack out of this with yourself." Outside the door Sarah found a message, her wish had come true. Johnny was dead. In a few minutes the minister came in and "twisted the ill-news as best he could to fit the sacred grief of motherhood,"—and the story ends: "For the first time these two Sarahs had known each other's heart." A good book to read in the New Year; and buy a book that's made at home! ULLIN.

Life and Living.—A Story for Children by E. P. Phillips, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S. (S. Afr.). Demy 8vo. Price 5/- net. L. Reeve & Co., Ltd. 1933.

The publishers inform us that the book has been written and published "as an aid and guide to the developing mind of the boy and girl in the search for truth and knowledge of matters hitherto witheld from them." It is a book written by a scientist who knows how to teach. From living and dead matter, to plants and animals, living things must feed and reproduce; this is shown in the Amœba, sweet pea, fish, birds, rabbits, man. Evolution is traced, and by means of illustrations the story is unfolded from primitive beginnings up to man at his best. The subject of religion is dealt with in a very broad and acceptable way, and the leading religions and founders are described with the special work of each. "True religion is a reverence for God whom we can see every day in Nature." "True religion should make itself more concerned about right conduct, and less about creeds and ceremonies." "Jesus taught that men should lead a life of service and that they should do good without expectation of reward." The book is calculated to make an appeal to the average adult reader, as well as to the juvenile section, and is certainly a type of book that is wanted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FOR COMBER CHURCH.

On Sunday evening, New Year's Eve, a very impressive ceremony took place in the Comber Unitarian Church. The Manse recently had the electric light installed, as the result of the proceeds from a musical evening and supper held early in November. Now, hrough the generosity of Lord Justice and Mrs. Andrews, the church and school are electrically lighted. There was a good congregation to witness the passing of the old lighting sytem.

The church was dimly lighted, and then the minister, the Rev. J. Glynne Davies, after paying a tribute to the sustained interest of the Andrews' family since the foundation of the church, nearly a hundred years ago, asked Mrs. James Andrews to switch on the light. The church was plunged in darkness as the gas was turned off, and then, as one by one the bowls were illuminated the church was filled by a soft glowing light. The choir immediately sang

> Creator Spirit, by Whose Light,
> The sleeping worlds were called from night.

A most beautiful service followed, the Rev. J. G. Davies preaching eloquently from the text, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." It was a fitting message for the beginning of a new year. The choir, under the able leadership of Mr. D. Munn, sang the anthem, "Arise, shine, for Thy light has come." The parts were all beautifully rendered, the singing being very fine. Miss Murphy was at the organ and accompanied Mrs. Murphy in a beautiful solo. The service concluded with the singing by the choir of the Vesper Hymn.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

First House Rosemary Street, and Mountpottinger Branches have arranged with Mr. R. T. Welsh, M.Sc., M.R.I.A. for a Lantern Lecture to be given on Wednesday 21st February at 8 o'clock. "Beautiful Shells" is the subject chosen and promises to be delightfully interesting. It is hoped that as many as possible of our League members and their gentlemen friends will endeavour to be present.

The Lectures given by Mr. Welsh to our League in 1932 and 1933 were very much appreciated, and the Lecture to be given on the 21st February may be looked forward to with equal pleasure. Tickets will be 6d each, and may be had at the Rosemary St. Repository or from members of First House, and Mountpottinger Women's League, also at door on night of Lecture. K. F.

It would be a great convenience if remittances now due are sent to Rev. Alfred Davison, Dromore.

OBITUARIES.

Sarah Ferguson Watson.

At almost the advanced age of ninety years, on Saturday, December 30th, 1933, died at her residence, Temple Brook Valley, Balloo, Killinchy, Sarah Ferguson Watson, younger daughter of the late Rev. Samuel Watson, M.A., the first minister of the Remonstrant Presbyterian Church of Killinchy. Her elder sister died some nine years ago.

We remember that she was the last of a notable family who played a conspicuous part in the amenities of our district for over one hundred years and more. She twined round the affectious of those who were intimate with her as well as round those of many others who recognised the purity of her life and the integrity of her character. As her father's daughter it is agreed that she was ever worthy of the splended traditions of her race, several of whom were staunch upholders of spiritual religion as exemplified in the recorded annals of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Besides her own father two of her uncles and a cousin, the Rev. John Watson of Grey Abbey and his son, Rev. James Watson of the same place, and the Rev. Dr. Watson of Clough were conspicuous ministers in their day who fought the good fight of faith.

She had thus distinguished examples before her as she remained a firm believer in the Non-Subscribing Faith, of which she was a consistent advocate in season and out of season whenever occasion arose.

Like a good *Non-Subscriber* she had no fanatical prejudices, but ever sought to know the truth as she saw it. For many years she was a successful Sunday School teacher until increasing years began to tell on her. Along with her elder sister she was a generous supporter and contributor of the Killinchy Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church.

We are pleased that throughout her long life she retained her interest in life, and during her last illness her faculties were open, clear and indiminished to the end.

The funeral took place on January 1st 1934, the Rev. D. J. Williams officiating in the house and at the interment in the New Meeting Green, Killinchy.

Henry McCormack.

Anyone with any acquaintance of Ballyhalbert, could scarcely escape knowing Henry McCormack, a life-long residenter, well-known for miles around. In earlier years he had great experience as a fisherman, some seasons going as far north as the Shetland Islands, or away South beyond the Old Head of Kinsale. Sometimes he varied his occupations, and went off to the Scotch harvesting. He was a staunch Unitarian of the old school, and a defender of the faith in an ardent fundamentalist community. The large attendance at his funeral was evidence of his popularity.

Mr. R. Webster Glass, R.M.

We deeply regret to record the death, which took place at Londonderry on January 8th, of Mr. Robert Webster Glass, B.A., LL.B., Resident Magistrate for the County and City of Londonderry.

Mr. Glass was a native of Banbridge, and was a loyal and life-long member of the First Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church in that town. For many years he practised as a solicitor in Banbridge. For seven years he was a member of the Town Council, a position he resigned on his appointment as Town Solicitor.

In the early days of the Great War he enlisted in the Ulster Division. He distinguished himself in the field of war, being twice mentioned in despatches "for gallant and distinguished services in the field," and was one of the few in the Ulster Division to be awarded the coveted distinction—the French Medaille Militaire for "Valour and Discipline." He retired from the Army with the rank of captain.

Shortly after the War he was appointed Resident Magistrate for County Mayo. Here he served with great acceptance during a very difficult and trying period, and won the respect of the entire community.

Upon the formation of the Northern Government, Mr. Glass was transferred to Enniskillen and subsequently to Londonderry. Here he found a congenial field for the exercise of his great gifts. His knowledge of the law was profound—his keen understanding of human nature was a great asset—and his broad and kindly humanity finely tempered his sense of judgment. His decisions were never questioned in a higher court—a sure proof of his wonderful fitness for the office he so well adorned. In the realm of sport he was a popular and prominent figure—trusted and respected as representing the spirit of the true sportsman.

As a scholar he was outstanding. His reading was wide and deep. He loved the poets, and his memory was stored with gems from their works. He had a remarkable gift

for friendship—he was warm-hearted and sincere in his friendships.

His remains were laid to rest beside his father and mother in the Old Meeting-House Green, Banbridge. Remarkable evidence of the affection in which he was held by the citizens of Derry were seen when the funeral party left the city. When the funeral reached Banbridge the townspeople united in the solemn and dignified procession to the Non-Subscribing Church, where an impressive service was held. Many prominent members of the Northern Bar were present, including Lord Justice Best, Major J. D. McCallum, R.M., and Mr. George McElroy, R.M., together with County and Urban Councillors.

The service in the church was conducted by Rev. P. Godding, and an address to the memory of the departed was given by his old friend, Rev. J. Glynne Davies of Comber.

A short service at the grave was conducted by the Revs. P. Godding and J. G. Davies. We extend to his aunt, Mrs. Glass, our deep and sincere sympathy in her sorrow and loss. He was very near and dear to her, and for a long period of years she had bestowed upon him the love and devotion of her heart. May the comfort and grace of our Heavenly Father uphold her in her grief. Mr. Glass has left behind him a host of friends to whom he was in truth beloved. His memory is enshrined in their affections. Our Church in Banbridge has lost a true and a generous friend. Farewell, great heart, until we meet again!

J.G.D.

At Londonderry the rural sessions were adjourned for a week without transacting any business as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. R. W. Glass, and at Petty Sessions at Limavady the following resolution was adopted by the bench—That we express our profound sympathy on hearing of the death of Mr. R. W. Glass, R.M., who occupied the position of resident magistrate for the district for the past ten years, and whose relations with this bench during that whole period were of a most cordial nature. We wish to convey our sincere sympathy to Mr. Glass's relatives.

Miss Alicia Latimer.

Our Holywood congregation has lost an old, a faithful and beloved member by the death, at the age of 76, of Miss Alicia Latimer. She passed away very peacefully, after a few days illness, at Kilmore, the residence of her cousin, Mr. William Patterson, on January 4th. In former years, going back to the ministry of Rev. C. J. McAlester, she sang in the church choir and taught in the Sunday school. Ill-health and extreme deafness prevented her from joining in public worship for many years, but she took the keenest interest in church affairs till the last, and was a liberal supporter of every good cause connected with the congregation. All who knew her have happy and thankful memories of her.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Ulster District League was held in the Belfast Domestic Mission by invitation of the Stanhope Street Branch on Thursday, January 11th., 1934.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Mrs. Price-Jones, who later addressed the members under the presidency of Mrs. Eustace Thompson on details of her recent visit to Hungary.

As a visitor to the Scout Jamboree held in Budapest in September of last year, Mrs. Price-Jones was re-visiting familiar scenes. Her vivid word pictures of this twin city on either bank of the beautiful blue Danube, on the one side Buda, the older city with its narrow streets, its Citadel and ancient Bastion, and its Mountain-side Park, and on the other Pest, a city of Boulevards, flowery Parks and open spaces.

Many interesting excursions were made and much hospitality enjoyed, and the speaker's description of banquets, Gipsy Bands, mineral baths, underground caves, wonderful mirages, flights of storks, golden-horned cattle, gaily dressed and handsome shepherds, thrilling horsemanship, Turkish fortresses, Majolice pottery, not to mention the Champagne industry, lifted her hearers out of their environment and transported them to "faery lands forlorn".

Mrs. Price-Jones had not an opportunity to visit the Budapest branch of the Unitarian Women's League, it being their holiday season, but conveyed to them through their President, Madame M.B. Syokolay, the greetings of the Ulster District League. The reciprocal message and thanks for the interest shown were entrusted to her by their President. Examples of colourful embroidery and wood-carving as well as picture postcards were displayed. The speaker was warmly thanked for her interesting address and for conducting the service. Nine branches were represented by 58 members. Mrs. E. R. Jackson conveyed a greeting of fellowship from the New York District League of the American Women's Alliance sent through her American Friendly Link. E. R. J.

REPORTS.

Ballyhemlin—The school-prizes were distributed in the Session-room, on Sunday, December 31st, 1933, by F. M. Allen, Esq, Nunsquarter.

Comber—There have been many activities in the church life recently. Electric light was installed in the manse as a result of the proceeds from a Musical Evening and Supper. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams organised a successful whist drive in aid of the same object. The Unity Players now in the fourteenth year of their existence gave two successful performances of Irish comedies. The choir dressed as gipsies under the leadership of Mr. W. Munn gave songs from a gipsy encampment. The scenic effects had been arranged by Miss Eva Andrews and were very pretty and effective. Solos were sung by Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. McCormick, Miss Jennie Adams, and Mr. McCormick. Miss Murphy was at the piano. Instrumental music between the plays was supplied by Messrs J. Gillespie and MacDonald. The plays were produced by Mrs Glynne Davies. The night's entertainment was so successful that many people were unable to gain admittance on the second night's performance. With part of the proceeds a new stove has been put in the school-room. The Women's League held their Annual Service when Mrs. Glynne Davies and Miss Eileen Andrews shared the service. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. McCormick sang solos and the choir also rendered special music which was heard by a large congregation. The collection went to the Church Funds. Lectures to the Women's League have been given by Miss Armstrong, and Mrs. D. Newman. Mrs. Charles Severs of London opened the session with a talk on Ideals of the Women's League. The League held a Jumble Sale in aid of the League funds. The Young People's Society is being successfully carried on, four social evenings being held before Christmas. The littles ones of the Sunday School are being trained by Miss Eva Andrews for a children's play to be given in January and the Unity Players and Choir are preparing for an Irish night in March. E. D.

Belfast: First Presbyterian Church—The Rosemary Dramatic Society (senior) presented an old and once well-known play entitled "Caste" by T. W. Robertson, which is a study of social classes and class sentiment and the influence upon them of the romantic emotion of love, which is greater than all. The play gives plenty of scope for characterisation of a straightforward sort, which the producer, Mr. Robert Harkness, did not miss. Though the acting was unequal and the honours go to Andrew McNeill as Eccles, Eileen McCafferty as Polly Eccles, and Tom Patterson as Sam Gerridge, albeit in the last act he required to exercise more restraint on his exuberance. The play was well received by an appreciative audience in the Central Hall. A little more rehearsal would have made it even more effective, but it did much credit to Mr. Harkness as producer and Mr. A. McNeill as orgainser. Others taking part were Mr. T. McNeill as Hon George D'Alroy, N. Castellano as Captain Hawtree, N. Arbuckle as Dixon, a butcher; Miss A. McKelvey as Marquise de St. Maur, and Miss M. R. McCullogh as Esther Eccles. Mr. W. H. McCafferty acted as prompter, and Mr. McCullagh gave his services in the Dressing Room. We hope the society may be able to stage the Production elsewhere also.

Ballyclare—The annual Sunday school party and prize distribution was held on the 19th December. The children (trained by Miss Edith Laird, B.A.) rendered a fine programme of songs and recitations, each child doing his or her part with a willingness and an absence of self-consciousness that reflected the greatest credit on their training. A bountiful tea was enjoyed by all present. Miss Harson and Miss E. Laird were responsible for the catering, Miss Nelson, Miss Gillespie and Miss Service assisting. After tea, Mr. Bell, in a short address impressed on the children the advantages to be gained by regular attendance at Sunday school and church, and stressed the importance of the teaching at our Sunday schools, that this teaching would not have to be unlearned when the boys and girls went out into the world—but would be one of their greatest assets. Miss Edith Laird gracefully distributed the prizes. Every child gained an award of varying merit, and two little girls—Biddy and Bobby Moore—were awarded special prizes for a year's unbroken attendance. At no period in the history of this church has the Sunday school been so prosperous or so well staffed, Mr. Bell in the senior department, Miss E. Laird and Miss Harson being responsible for the junior. The Sunday school of to-day being the church of to-morrow, this work deserves every encouragement. "Santa Claus" arrived before the end of the evening, and each child was made happy with something out of his well-filled sack, and each of them went home tired but happy.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE—This branch is not growing numerically, but it still makes itself felt in Ballyclare. A section of it—the Local Committee—decided to purchase an army hut and have asked and obtained from the Church Committee a piece of ground on which to place it. Mr. R. Montgomery of the Paper Mills has been commissioned to purchase the hut. This "Committee" have also formed a Sports Club, and this club meets in the school room every Tuesday evening, where games are provided for the amusement of the youth of Ballyclare. A dance is to be held in the Town Hall sponsored by this "Local Committee," and a Dance Committee chosen from the members of the Sports Club will ensure its success.—M. A. E. FORSYTHE.

Templepatrick—The usual Christmas Party was held here on Friday evening, 22nd December. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and there was a large Christmas tree laden with gifts, one for each child present. The Hall was filled to capacit with children, their paren s and many other grown-ups. After tea Father Christmas walked in and a lively time ensued until he had dispensed all his gifts. Then the five little Patterson girls sang and received much applause for their excellent performance. Some nursery rhymes were presented in action and Alec. Fullerton was realistic as mouse in dickory dickory dock. In Old King Cole with his attendants there took part, the Misses Joyce Turner, Agnes Harper, Winnie Barnett, Rosemary Fullerton and Messrs E. Lockett and A. F. Turner. Miss Getty (London) was awe-inspiring with her scythe as Father Time. These performances received great applause and they certainly gave great pleasure. Games followed and a most enjoyable Christmas party guided by Miss Getty (Templepatrick) Mrs. Thompson, the Misses E. Barnett, Anna Harper and M. McKeown and indeed many others closed about 8 o'clock. Members of the congregation will be interested to hear that Mr. A. C. Turner was in October last elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Mr. Turner is at present urgeon to the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. in Persia.

Holywood—The annual gathering of the Sunday school scholars took place on Friday evening, January 5th. Over 60 children sat down to tea at 7 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock there was a large attendance of parents and others to enjoy an entertainment provided for the most part by the children and to witness the distribution of the prizes awarded on the year's work. A fairy play, "Cruel Jack Frost," was very creditably acted by junior scholars under the direction of Mr. F. A. Robinson; and the seniors, trained by Mr. W. J Harvey, gave a comic sketch called, "Lodgings to Let." Miss Peggy Shannon and Miss Allen sang duets, and some charming dancing by Miss Beryl Tate, Master Jack Tate, and Miss Patricia Brown delighted everybody. The prizes were given away by Miss Greenfield, a former teacher in the school, who spoke a few words of encouragement and good counsel to the children and offered special prizes for essays on the subject, "Kindness to Animals". Fifteen scholars won special prizes for attending every time the school was open during the year. At the close a Christmas Tree was disburdened of its treasures for the tiny-tots, who received their gifts at the hands of Father Christmas (Mr. W. Shannon). The Chairman (Rev. E. Lockett) thanked the teachers and the many willing workers who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Moneyrea—The Christmas party in Moneyrea is a very important as well as popular affair, and it was held on Friday, December 22nd, in the Lyttle Memorial School. Proceedings began at 6-30 p.m. with tea for the children and at 7 p.m. for adults. Shortly after 8 o'clock, Rev. J. D. Davies occupied the chair. The first part of the programme was given by the Day Scholars, who had been trained by the headmaster, Mr. Stewart and his assistants, Miss Paton and Miss McClune. The senior classes sang—"A hunting we will go;" "Widdicombe Fair;" "Twas pretty to be in Ballinderry," "Sigh no more, ladies," "O sleep my baby," Dabbling in the dew," "Ould John Braddlum." The Middle classes rendered; "O dear, what can the matter be," "A frog he would a-wooing go," "Umbrella song," The junior classes gave, "This old man," "The Birdies' Ball." Betty Davies, recitation; Maria Bailie, songs; Rene Andrews, recitation; Ira Milligan, recitation; Jean Dunn, dance. The Sunday scholars were presented with book prizes by Mr. Hugh Frame, the manager. A handsome medal, the gift of Mr. James Frame was presented to Willie Kennedy for five years full attendance, who was heartily cheered by the large audience.. This was followed by a comedy, entitled "Blarney," which was amusing and very well played by the seniors of the Sunday School. The characters were :—Mr. Phibbs, Robert Hill; Mr. Tipps, Moore Fisher; Tim Doolan, Sam Hogg; A Tailor, James Blair; A Shoemaker, Bertie

McCullough; Mrs. Tipps, Miss M. Strain; Kitty, Miss M, Hogg. The crowning feature of the evening was the Christmas Tree, gay with coloured packages, snow and frost, all of which was arranged by Miss R. Kennedy. There was something for every child. Mr. James Frame played the part of Santa Claus. The party was an unqualified success, and warm thanks were given to Mr. Hugh Frame; Mr. James Frame; the ladies and teamakers; Mr. Stewart; Miss Patton; Miss McClune; the Sunday school teachers and the door-keepers.

Glenarm—The Christmas Season has been a busy one. On December 17th we had a welcome visit from the Rev. A. L. Agnew, B.A., D.D. of Belfast. A large congregation, which overflowed from the body of the church into the gallery, listened attentively and with obvious appreciation to the striking and powerful sermon of Dr. Agnew. Miss Eva MacMullan rendered a solo, beautifully sung. Church Funds benefitted by the collection. The ladies of the congregation provided tea or friends from a distance. On Christmas Eve was held a special Carol Service. The Meeting House was suitably decorated for the festive season and there was a large congregation. Carols, quartets and solos were sung, and the congregation heartily joined in the Christmas hymns. The Choir had been trained by Miss Eva MacMullan, and had the assistance of kind friends from Larne. The minister gave a suitable address. On January 3rd the Ladies Guild arranged a new Year's Social Evening. The schoolroom was tastefully decorated and a large number of people were present. Light refreshments were served during the evening. An excellent programme was given, consisting of songs, duets, recitations and readings. The minister presided. Two guessing competitions arranged by Miss L. Galbraith and Miss Eva MacMullan caused much interest and amusement. The evening was a most enjoyable one and closed with hearty votes of thanks to all who had taken part in the programme and to the Ladies Guild for their kind hospitality. A collection was taken for the Electric Lighting Fund. The electric light has now been installed in the church. P.M.L.

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